

## DAY OF ALLIES DAWN!

Washington Sees One of the Most Decisive Victories of the War in the Crushing Defeat of the Austrians by the Allied Forces in Italy.

Washington, June 24.—The belief was expressed in official circles here today that the Italian victory over Austria will prove to be the most decisive in character of the whole war. Germany's entire offensive program may have been upset by the crushing defeat of her ally.

Austrian losses in the retreat across the Piave included an "appalling number" of troops killed, more than forty thousand made prisoners and an enormous amount of booty, says a report from General Diaz, the Italian commander, which was cabled today from Rome to the Italian embassy.

Other official reports reaching Washington bear out the picture of

the Austrian disaster given in press accounts from Italy, although the full extent of the Italian success is not yet apparent. It is regarded certain the Central Powers have been dealt a blow that will demoralize the morale of their people and probably compel the German high command to make a complete readjustment of its plans in France.

A cablegram from Rome to the Italian embassy says Italy is ablaze with enthusiasm and joy as a result of the victory.

"The enemy," said the dispatch, "has been beaten back across the Piave from Montello to the sea. Italy is ablaze with enthusiasm and joy."

"A great demonstration of greeting to Italy and the oppressed nationalities of Austria was held this afternoon in the gardens of the British embassy by initiative of the British ambassador. Rumanian officers were present and were received with great applause. These officers and the Rumanian legion are about to leave for the Piave front to fight in the Italian army against the common enemy."

## NEW DRAFT RULINGS

Local Board Receives Rulings Explatory of the "Work or Fight" Order of Last Week.

The secretary of the local board has received the following rulings on the "Work or Fight" order of General Crowder:

In the present emergency it is not possible to extend the protection of the deferred classification to those registrants engaged in certain occupations or employments that are non-productive.

There is a great demand for labor in all productive occupations and employments, and especially in the agricultural and other necessary industries. Therefore, registrants who have been given deferred classification and who can engage in some productive occupation or occupations without substantial loss or hardship to themselves or others should be willing to seek some productive occupation or employment in which they are rendering no effective assistance to the nation. If a registrant is idle, he, of course, is not occupied or employed at all, and his idleness furnishes ground for the withdrawal of his deferred classification or late order number; and the regulations applicable to idle registrants shall be deemed applicable also to gamblers of all descriptions and employees of all race tracks and bucket shops, to fortune tellers, clairvoyants, palmists, and the like, who for the purpose of these regulations shall be considered as idlers.

The employment or engagement of any able-bodied registrant of military age in any of the following occupations or employments is not sufficiently effective, in the present emergency, to justify the postponement of his call into the military service, notwithstanding he may have a late order number and notwithstanding he may have been placed in class II, III or IV on the ground of dependency, and all registrants engaged as follows are to be considered by local and district boards as engaged in non-productive occupations or employments:

Persons engaged in the serving of food and drinks in public places, including hotels and clubs.

Passenger elevator operators and attendants, door men, footmen, carriage openers and other attendants at hotels, clubs, office buildings, etc.

Ushers and other attendants engaged and occupied in connection with games, sports and amusements, except actual performers engaged in legitimate concerts, operas, or theatrical performances. It is expected that the enforcement of this section will, within a short time, close most of the professional ball parks in the country, as nearly all of the players are of military age and ball playing has been held not to be a productive occupation.

All persons employed in domestic service. This will apply to all coachmen, caretakers, butlers, and servants of that class.

Sales clerks and other clerks employed in stores and other mercantile establishments. Managers or heads of departments, employees of the receiving and shipping departments, delivery drivers and others doing "heavy" work outside of the usual work of clerks, are excepted from the order. The words sales clerks and other clerks are intended to include the clerical force of the office and in all departments of stores and mercantile establishments.

Local boards are instructed to assist those not employed or employed in non-productive occupations to secure employment in productive occupations.

It is made the duty of all citizens to report to the local board any facts that may come to their knowledge regarding registrants who are idle or who are engaged in any occupation or employment described and defined as non-productive. The local board will thoroughly investigate the circumstances of the case, giving the registrant ample opportunity to submit such evidence as he may desire either by affidavit or otherwise.

## KEEPS TAB ON WHEAT THRESHED

Periodical Reports Now Are Required by the Government.

Washington, June 20.—Under the authority of the Food Control Act, the bureau of markets of the United States Department of Agriculture is to require from all thrasher men in the country periodical reports on the number of bushels of wheat threshed by them and the acreage from which the grain was produced. A list of thrasher men is being compiled from all available sources by the bureau of crop estimates, which is co-operating in the undertaking, and the bureau of markets in having printed a supply of blank forms for threshing reports, together with a pocket memorandum book for daily records. Reports were begun with the opening of the harvest season. The county agents will aid in distributing the schedules and memorandum books and it will also assist in assembling the results.

The results are to be made available for the use of the United States Food Administration, the Federal Trade Commission and other branches of the government. They are expected to provide a complete and accurate check on the advance wheat figures of the bureau of crop estimates in the same way that the cotton planting reports compiled by the bureau of the bureau, check the cotton harvest.

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## BATES COUNTY CHURCH DISCONTINUES THE GERMAN LANGUAGE

Reformed Church of Zoar, in Prairie Township, Will Conduct All Services in English Hereafter.

A considerable part of the citizens of Prairie township, in the southeast part of this county, are either German born or are the descendants of German born ancestors. They have their churches in which in the past the services, preachings, prayer meetings, Sunday school, in fact, all of the services were conducted in the German language. Nothing was thought of this clinging to the language of the old country, or the "Fatherland," until this country was at war with Germany, when it occasioned considerable comment and it was thought by many that loyal citizens of this country should use the language of the country, especially in the churches. Many of them, while protesting their loyalty to their adopted country, insisted that the German language be retained.

Finally H. O. Maxey was invited to meet with them and tell them "Why the German Language Should be Dis-

continued in Public Worship." Last Friday evening in company with W. G. Dillon, secretary of the Bates county council of defense, Joe T. Smith and Jess Coleman, he went to Prairie township and made them a talk, at the conclusion of which, the consistory, the governing body of the church, voted that hereafter nothing but the English language would be used in the services of the church or the parochial school in connection with it.

This is as it should be as there is no longer any reason, if there ever was one, why a foreign language should be used in this country, especially that of a country with which we are at war, and one which by its brutality and inhumanity has forfeited every right to the consideration of decent people. When a man, of his own free will, comes to this country and adopts it as his country, is protected by its laws and under those laws and by his thrift and energy has made a home for himself and family he should do that country the honor of using its language in his house of worship and in his schools where the future citizens of that country are being trained. If he is so wedded to the German language that he feels that he cannot give it up, let

him be interned until the conclusion of the war and then required to go back to that country. Let the American language be spoken in America.

## Fear Water is Polluted.

Jefferson City, June 19.—Governor Gardner today authorized the mayor of Marshall to call out the home guard company there to guard the water supply. He said the Marshall authorities advised him the people were much alarmed over a report that the water supply at Brunswick had been polluted and that an epidemic of sickness was attributed to this cause.

Recently Governor Gardner received a request from the Saline County council of defense for the use of the home guard in a community where there seemed to be hostility to the government and the war.

Carrollton, Mo., June 21.—With excitement intensified by news from Brunswick of several deaths due to typhoid fever, caused from drinking contaminated water, many persons were alarmed today in Tina, 16 miles north of here, when it was found that there were two strangers about 70 years old having a white powder in their possession and loitering about the public hall.

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